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MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Roaring River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church At Meadow Fork
Alleghany County, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

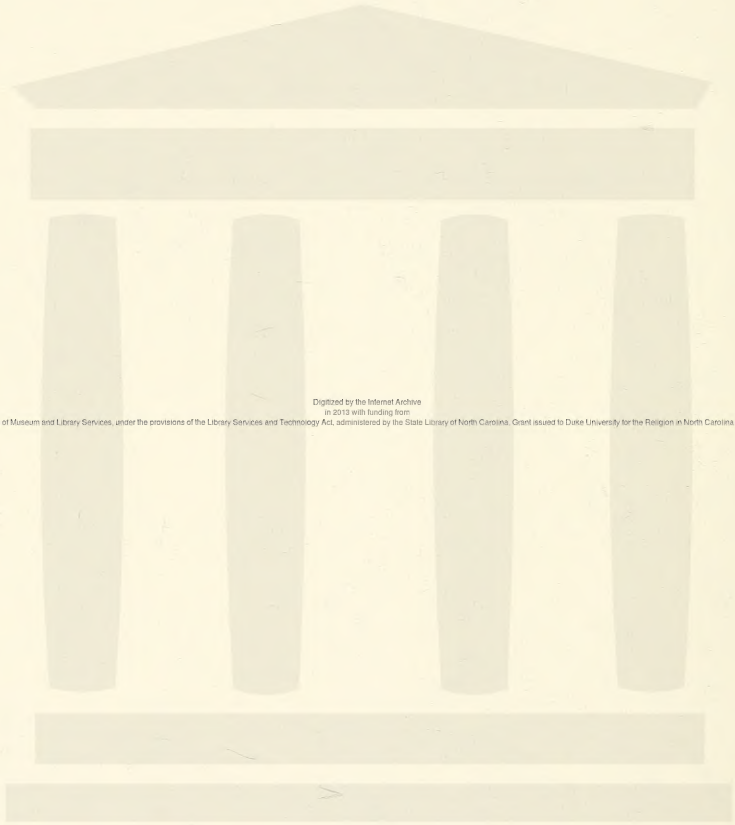
September 22, 23, 24, 1944

OFFICERS

ELDER C. D. HALL, Moderator ..... West Jefferson, N. C.

W. I. BROWN, Clerk ..... R. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

The next session will be held with the Church at Cross Roads, seven miles north of North Wilkesboro, N. C., on Highway No. 18, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1945.



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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1944

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder C. D. Hall. Text, St. Luke 12:32.

2. After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Elder S. G. Caudill, correspondent from the Mountain Association.

3. Read and received letters from Cross Roads, Mulberry, Meadow Fork, and Double Creek.

4. Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

5. Organized the Association by electing Elder C. D. Hall, Moderator, and W. I. Brown, Clerk.

6. On motion that the Moderator make all temporary appointments for this session, who sent to the stand today, Elders C. C. Sawyer, text, St. John 3:1-6; G. W. Wood, no special text; and B. H. Blevins, text, St. Luke 19:10.

7. Called for correspondents and the following came forward and were received: From Mountain—Elders C. C. Sawyer, C. L. Roberts, and S. G. Caudill; Fishers River—File of Minutes; Upper Mayo—Elders G. W. Wood and Carl T. Mabe; Senter—Elder Edd Davis, Bros. F. T. Miller, F. O. Thompson, and B. R. Dillard; St. Clair's Bottom—Elders H. M. Blevins and B. H. Blevins.

8. Called for visiting brethren. The following came forward and were received. From Mountain—Elders A. L. Presnell, and C. B. Kilby and wife, Bros. Hiram Edwards and wife, W. T. Rector and wife, William Cleary, W. B. Fender, T. A. Edwards, C. G. Fender and wife, Edd Seivers, R. L. Gamble, S. O. Gamble, A. J. Reeves, G. R. Douglas and wife, Sisters W. E. Hoppers, Fannie Reeves, and S. G. Caudill.

9. On motion that we extend the right hand of fellowship to correspondents and visitors and seat them.

10. Called on correspondents who were to go to Sister Associations to report. Those who failed to go were excused.

11. Appointed committee on preaching composed of one member from each church: Bros. Arthur Hutchison, Fosco Pruitt, W. C. Hall, and Sister M. C. Truitt.

12. Appointed Committee on Finance as follows: Bro. D. C. Long, and Sisters Octa Hutchison and Grace Hall.

13. Appointed Committee on Arrangements as follows: Elder E. A. Long, Bros. Arthur Hutchison, W. C. Hall and Sister M. C. Truitt.

14. Called on Committee on Preaching who reported for Saturday: 1st, Elder C. L. Roberts; 2nd, Elder George Dennie; 3rd, Elder J. W. Tuttle; 4th, Elder C. M. Boyd; 5th, Elder G. D. Roten; 6th, Elder S. G. Caudill; 7th, Elder A. L. Presnell.

15. On motion that the Comittee on Arrangements sit at Meadow Fork Church.

16. On motion that we adjourn until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder C. L. Roberts.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1944

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Tuttle, visitor from the Upper Mayo Association.

1. On motion call on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

2. Call roll and excuse those absent.

3. Call on Finance Committee to report, who reported as follows:

Balance on hand	$ 4.50
Received from all churches	40.00
Total	$44.50
Allowed for printing minutes and postage	$15.00
Allowed Moderator	5.00
Allowed Clerk	5.00
Allowed visiting Elders	19.50
Total	$44.50

4. On motion print obituary of Deacon J. A. Miller.

5. On motion that we advise churches to withdraw from members that can attend, but won't.

6. On motion that we rearrange the minutes to our Correspondent Associations, so they will have one for each church, one for Moderator, and one for the Clerk.

7. Call on Committee on Preaching to report, who reported for Sunday as follows:

1st, Elder C. B. Kilby; 2nd, Elder Carl T. Mabe; 3rd, Elder Lester Barker; 4th, Elder H. M. Blevins; 5th, Elder Edd Davis.

8. Call for volunteers to go to Sister Associations: Mountain—Elders C. D. Hall and E. A. Long, Bros. W. C. Hall and Fosco Pruitt; Senter—Elder E. A. Long and Bro. Fosco Pruitt; Fishers River—Elder C. D. Hall, Bros. W. C. Hall and W. I. Brown; St. Clair's Bottom—Elders E. A. Long and C. D. Hall; Upper Mayo—Elder C. D. Hall, Bros. W. C. Hall and W. I. Brown.

9. On motion that we appoint W. I. Brown, Treasurer, to supervise the printing of minutes. Have 400 copies printed and distributed as instructed.

10. On motion that the next session of our Association be held with the Church at Cross Roads, Wilkes County, seven miles north of North Wilkesboro, N. C., on Highway 18, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1945.

11. On motion that we have the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith printed.

12. On motion that we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

13. Read and received minute.

14. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God for His mercies, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during this session.

Prayer by Elder Lester Barker, visitor from the Washington Association.

ELDER C. D. HALL, Moderator,
W. I. BROWN, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

SATURDAY

First—Elder C. L. Roberts—Text, "Except the Lord build the house."

Second—Elder George Dennie—Text, St. Matthew, 27th chapter.

Third—Elder J. W. Tuttle—Text, Romans, 5th chapter.

Fourth—Elder C. M. Boyd—Text, St. Matthew 28:20.

Fifth—Elder G. D. Roten—Text, Deuteronomy, 32:1-4.

Sixth—Elder S. G. Caudill—Text, "The hour is coming and now is here."

Seventh—Elder A. L. Presnell—Text, St. Luke 24:10.

SUNDAY

First—Elder C. B. Kilby—Clerk failed to get text.

Second—Elder Carl T. Mabe—No special text.

Third—Elder Lester Barker—Clerk failed to get text.

Fourth—Elder H. M. Blevins—Text, I Thessalonians, 4:8.

Fifth—Elder Edd Davis—No special text.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. D. Hall ..... West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder E. A. Long ..... Laurel Springs, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Cross Roads .....Octa Hutchison, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Mulberry ..... Nora Hall, Halls Mills, N. C.
Double Creek ..... Margie Truitt, Abshers, N. C.
Meadow Fork ..... Mary Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Meadow Fork ..... Elders E. A. Long and C. D. Hall
Mulberry ..... Elder C. D. Hall
Double Creek .....Elder C. D. Hall
Cross Roads ..... Elder C. D. Hall

DISTRIBUTON OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and No. Minutes	Clerk and Post Office
Mountain—20	J. M. Rector, Galax, Va.
Senter—15	G. E. Kilby, Crumpler, N. C.
Fishers River—20	G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.
St. Clair's Bottom—10	Elder C. R. Dancy, R. 3, Marion, Va.
New River—40	Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va.
Washington—20	M. C. Sutherland, Haysi, Va.
Upper Mayo—25	J. W. Moorefield, Star R., Walnut Cove, N. C.
Indian Creek—25	J. I. Bowling, 205 Wickham Ave., Beckley, W. Va.
Abbotts Creek—15	T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.

OBITUARY

OF

DEACON JESSIE ADAMS MILLER

Deacon Jessie Adams Miller was born December 16, 1866, and fell asleep in Jesus March 23, 1944, making his stay here on earth 77 years, 3 months, and 7 days.

He was married to Mary Ann Long, October 6, 1887. To this union were born nine children, two who died in infancy. He left a widow and seven children to mourn their loss, three boys and four girls, to-wit: Everet, Floyd, Verna, Rebecca, Mary, Troy, and Ethel.

Brother Miller joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Meadow Fork, January 12, 1898. March 2, 1898, he was elected clerk of the church. He was ordained a Deacon of said church, October 8, 1898, and elected Clerk of the Association, October 7, 1932. Brother Miller filled those offices faithful until the Lord saw fit to call him from this earth to that City whose foundation, builder, and maker is God, where there will be no more sorrow, sickness, pain or death.

Written by request,

FOSCO PRUITT.

CONSTITUTION OF ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

Article 1—The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

Article 2—In the letter from the different Churches requested to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those Baptized, received by Letters, Dismissed, Excommunicated or Dead since our last Association.

Article 3—The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any eclesiastical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this Union.

Article 4—The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper Decorum.

Article 5—The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Article 6—Churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by Letter and Delegates, and upon examination, if found Orthodox and Orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the Delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Article 7—Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation.

Article 8—Every Query presented by any member in the Association shall be once read, and before it is debated the Moderator shall put it to vote and if there be majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, deliberated upon, if not it shall be withdrawn.

Article 9—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 10—The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with Minutes of the Association; the best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

Article 11—We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same for raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each Church, in the Union, to contribute voluntarily such sums as they may think proper and send by their Delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the Churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer, by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Article 12—There shall be an Association Book kept wherein the Proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

Article 13—The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1—The Association shall be opened and closed by Prayer.

Article 2—A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Article 3—Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

Article 4—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

Article 5—He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

Article 6—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Association.

Article 7—No person shall rise and speak more than three times to to one subject without permission of the Association.

Article 8—No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

Article 9—No member shall address another in any other appellation but Brother during the sitting of the Association.

Article 10—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except to break the Rules of this Decorum.

Article 11—The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Article 12—The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association shall be equally divided.

Article 13—That any member who shall wittingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

Article 14—Amendment to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they may deem it necessary.

Article 15—The Association shall have power: 1st. To provide for the general Union of the Churches. 2nd. To endeavor to preserve inviolable a chain of communication amongst the Churches. 3rd. To give the Churches necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4th. To inquire into the cause why the Churches fail to represent in the Association. 5th. To appropriate the moneys, by the Churches contributed for an Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper. 6th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Churches in this

Union which shall violate the Rules of this Association or depart from the Orthodox principles of Religion. 7th. To admit any of the distant Brethren in the Ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, when they shall judge necessary. 8th. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they think most convenient for the Churches in the Union. Received by the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1st. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the old and new Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5th. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6th. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit or born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

7th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the subject of these ordinances and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and that the joys of the righteous and the torment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance except as is regularly called and come under the exposition of hands by the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Saturday of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Received by Exp.	Received by Letters	Restored	Dismissed by Letters	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Cross Roads—Arthur Hutchison, W. I. Brown and Sister Octa Hutchinson	4									12	$17.00
Double Creek—Sisters M. C. Truitt and Ira Shumate	4									7	4.00
Mulberry—Elder C. D. Hall, W. C. Hall, Sister Grace Hall	1	1		1	1	1				14	11.75
Rock Springs—Not represented											
Meadow Fork—Elder E. A. Long, Fosco Pruitt, D. C. Long	2	1		7				1	3	24	7.25
Total		2		8	1	1		1	3	57	$40.00